

The Kiwanis of Aruba treats islanders to a “Beautiful night in Bali.”

This past Saturday night was place to be was the Palm Beach Ballroom of the Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa where the Kiwanis Club of Aruba held their annual fundraising ball. This year’s theme whisked attendees off to the South Pacific and the island of Bali as attendees dressed in characteristic garb and were treated to oriental massages for which Bali is famous, compliments of the Intermezzo Day Spa. This greatly anticipated event sold well tickets and Pracash Gupta, of the Kiwanis reports that they expect to clear \$50,000 (U.S.), which will used throughout the year to support worthwhile projects. “Serving the Children of the World” is the Kiwanis motto.

Greeting guests at the door was Niti Gupta, looking perfectly the part of a Balinese Madam. There she and her committee of volunteers distributed a modern interpretation of the sarong known as a *kamen*, and the blouse *kebaya* worn by women of Bali, though many guests came with their own beautiful and elegant versions, and there were *udeng*, Balinese headgear, for the gentlemen as party favors.

The famous wine and cheese party featured a fabulous selection of cheeses at each table from around the world, and Aruba’s top wine distributors each had tables set up where partygoers could sample wines of varied vintage until their heart’s content. The resort’s culinary department provided a buffet banquet of Indonesian food to complete the evening’s theme.

With fantastic food, wine, music and entertainment, jovial company, and an elegant theme, it is not surprise that so many felt it was a night not to be missed!